

Prof. Gray
Dr. Sir.

No doubt your time, like mine,
is constantly intruded upon by applications
for information, on points appertaining to
your favorite pursuits - With the admonition
of my own experience, to caution me against
pursuing such a course with others I cannot
refrain from taking your attention to
two or three queries - which are annexed
Query 1. - What is the Nut & leaf marked
No. 1. The Nut was obtained, by Mrs.
Gov^{rs} Wood, either in Chile or on the ~~Islands~~
From it I have reared four plants, which
are thriving in my Greenhouse - I have
not been able to ascertain its name
Query 2. - What is the specific name of
the flower marked No 2. It proceeds from
a bulb, designated as "Lagrymus del Virgo"
an *Allium* I suppose - but I have not the
means of ascertaining its specific name.
Query 3. - Would the *Berberis Darwinii*
and the *Pavonia comalensis* stand

our northern winter - exposed in open ground?

The former I have now in flower & the latter I raised from Neomexican seeds - Last summer it flowered freely & produced seed.

Lucy 4.th Has any one in your vicinity attempted to obtain improved varieties of the *Diospyros Virg.* & *Asimina triloba*? - The natural habits of the former I have broken so effectually, that I have trees maturing their fruits the whole season between the 20th of Sept & the 1st of April - The fruit of one tree, is sweet, edible & entirely freed from astringency by the 20th of Sept a month before we can, here, experience any frost.

The size of the fruit has in no instance improved. The *Asimina* I have not experimented with but have seen it raised from seed by other people -

Very truly Yrs
J. P. Kirkland



No 1

no 1



no 2